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PREFACE.

We have abundant cause for thankfulness on account of the acceptance which our first Book of Family Prayers, prepared some years back, has met with. Many who have used it have urged us repeatedly to provide them with another series of a like character. We have accordingly made the attempt in the present volume; aiming as before at simplicity of expression, brevity in the construction of sentences, and directness of supplication.

At the same time we cannot help feeling that, in comparing the two series, there will often be found sentences and

sentiments in each very nearly identical. It is not easy to see how this could have been avoided; since we have all again and again the same sins to confess, and the same blessings to ask or to praise for. We have endeavoured also to keep in mind, that by far the majority of those for whose benefit these Prayers are prepared are persons of little leisure, and perhaps very limited education. We have aimed therefore at edification rather than originality, and have been much more anxious to help humble suppliants at the Throne of Grace than to please those for whom such help is hardly needed.

It will be seen that the Fourth Week contains prayers taken entirely from the Book of Common Prayer. This has been done for two reasons:—

First, because we feel, that although the Liturgy was originally framed only

for public worship, still there are no prayers more suitable for the object in view, or which suffer less from repetition, than our Church Prayers.

And secondly, because we know that many persons are desirous of using something like a responsive service in Family Worship. We have endeavoured to make the prayers alluded to only so far responsive, that they can be used without the actual necessity of placing a copy in the hands of each worshipper.

Most heartily do we trust that this Book of Prayers may be found as acceptable as its predecessor, and that those who use it may receive through its means a large blessing from God.

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FIRST WEEK.

Sunday Morning

O GOD, we come before Thee this morning with grateful hearts. This is the day which Thou hast made; may we rejoice and be glad in it. Make us thankful for all the blessings vouchsafed unto us; for the hours of sacred rest which we are permitted to enjoy; for Thy House to which we are called; for the opportunity of uniting with our brethren in prayer; and for the message of mercy which Thou hast sent to gladden our souls.

Lord, tune our hearts for the joyful work of prayer and praise. Pardon our coldness, and warm our hearts with Thy

grace. We confess that Thy holy days that are past have not been so full of blessings to us as Thou wouldst have them to be. The world has too much engrossed our thoughts and feelings. We have been burdened by its cares, and drawn aside by its enticements. Prayer has often been an effort to us, and Thy word unwelcome; and when in Thy House, we have allowed vain and wandering thoughts to steal in, and spoil our devotions.

We have need, O Lord, to ask Thee to forgive our Sabbath sins. And we earnestly beseech Thee to make this a day of blessing and peace to each one of us. Pour out largely upon us Thy Holy Spirit, convincing us of sin, leading us to the Saviour, and fitting us for Thy blessed service.

Lord, on this Thy own day we pray Thee to be specially present with Thy ministering servants. Help them in their holy work. Give them zeal, and earnest-

ness, and faith, and love. Work Thou Thyself by their means, and make them the instruments in Thy hands of converting souls, and building up Thy Church. Raise up faithful and true men to labour in Thy vineyard, and make them to feel the greatness of their office.

And bless, O Lord, Thy people. Feed them this day with the food Thou providest for Thy children, and prosper their souls. Arouse the careless; strengthen the weak; and lead on those who are in earnest.

Be with all Thy worshipping congregations, and especially that in which we are more immediately interested. O make us real and hearty worshippers. Revive Thy work, O Lord, in the midst of us; and may Thy glorious kingdom be enlarged, and numbers be added to Thy true fold.

Hear us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hal-

lowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us, and upon all who are dear to us, now and ever. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we come before Thee this evening to confess our sins and shortcomings, and to thank Thee for the mercies of the past day.

Thou knowest how poor have been our devotions. In private and in public prayer our hearts have been cold, and our attention has been drawn aside. Earthly thoughts have too much prevailed, and heavenly things have not been heartily welcomed by us. Father, forgive us, we beseech Thee; and for Thy dear Son's sake blot out these, and all our other sins.

And whatever has been right in our services we ask Thee, O God, in mercy *to accept.* Thanks be unto Thee for the

joyful sound which we have heard to-day, for any words of prayer which have gone up from our hearts, and for any measure of peace and comfort which we have enjoyed. O that a rich and lasting blessing may rest upon us; and having been brought near to Thee in Thy house, may we live nearer to Thee day by day.

Bless, O Lord, the Church to which we belong. Be with its bishops and pastors, making them wise to win souls, and holy both in their lives and teaching. Increase the number of its members, and give them more life and earnestness. Make Thy Church to be as a house at unity with itself. Give us all the spirit of love and concord; and may we be worthy of the name we bear, and of the Master whom we profess to serve.

And as Thou, Lord, art able to read the heart and condition of each one now before Thee, we beseech Thee to suit Thy blessing to our individual wants. Show us what our wants are, and enable

us to bring them one by one before Thee. If any of us are burdened with sin, do Thou forgive us; if weak, strengthen us; if unhappy, comfort us; or if tempted, stand by us, and let not Satan get the advantage over us. Whilst journeying through this world, be Thou our Helper and Defender; and when we leave it, grant us an abundant entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom. Give us a longing for heaven, and for that time when sin shall be no more, and sorrow and sadness shall flee away.

And now, O heavenly Father, having brought us to the close of Thy own day, we beseech Thee to take us into Thy kind and gracious keeping during the approaching night. Watch over us and ours, and bless us in body and soul, both now and ever, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, Lord of heaven and earth, we desire to present ourselves before Thee as a Christian family, ere we enter upon the work of another day and another week. We know not what may be before us, what duties we may be called upon to perform, or what trials to undergo. We would therefore solemnly commit ourselves into Thy hands, consecrating ourselves to Thee, and desiring to be led, and guided, and taught by Thee. Grant that we may act as Thy children in the midst of a careless world, seeking Thy honour and glory, and desiring to do Thy will in all things.

Keep us, O Lord, in a watchful spirit.

May we be in Thy fear all the day long, careful to do nothing to offend Thee, but desiring to please Thee in all things. Wherever we go, do Thou go with us; and whatever we do, enable us to do it in Thy strength, and looking for Thy blessing. In the hour of danger be Thou our Defender and Guide; our Comforter in trouble; and at all times the Giver of our peace, and the Joy of our hearts. Show us the right way, and enable us to walk in it. Hold up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not.

Lord, keep us this day without sin. And not only so, but do Thou make us useful according to our opportunities. Employ us in Thy service, and may it be our meat and drink to do Thy will.

O God, we have been redeemed by the blood of Thy dear Son: make us to feel that we are His. May His cross be our hope, and may His love constrain us to give ourselves to Him. O Saviour, be Thou daily more and more precious to

us. Draw near to us, and give us the enjoyment of Thy constant presence.

We desire to pray for others: for our Sovereign whom Thou hast set over us; that she may rule in Thy fear and love, and be a nursing-mother to Thy Church: for Thy Ministers; that they may be taught of Thee, and be faithful and earnest in their work: for our friends and relations; that they may be dear to Thee, and may know the happiness of Thy service. Let Thy blessing rest upon every member of this family, both those who are under this roof and those who are at a distance from us. Bless their bodies, save their souls, and give unto them that peace and rest in Thee which the world cannot give.

Hear us, heavenly Father; and when Thou hearest, give not according to our poor deserts, but according to Thy great goodness, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O THOU high and holy One, who art the Lord God Almighty, and yet the Father of Thy people, we kneel down before Thee, deeply feeling our own unworthiness. What are we, O Lord, that we should approach Thee, or take Thy name into our lips? We have in ourselves no plea to offer for our acceptance; but we come to Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, knowing that for His sake Thou wilt receive us, and meet us with a blessing.

Lord, our need is great, and our wants are many; but Thy power is infinite, and Thy goodness knows no bounds. We are sinful; do Thou pardon us. Perfect Thy strength in our weakness. Awaken in us earnest desires after holiness, and sanctify us by Thy grace.

Thanks be unto Thee for sparing us through another day. Thou hast indeed been about our path, directing us through every difficulty, and protecting us from every evil. In the hour of need Thou wast near. Thou art our Comforter, our Shield, our ever-watchful Guardian.

We thank Thee for Thy tender care of us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so hast Thou had compassion upon us. We have been disobedient to Thy commands; we have wandered and strayed from the right way; we have been heedless of Thy calls; we have sought to please ourselves, instead of Thee. But Thou hast in mercy borne with our infirmities, and hast had patience with us in our waywardness.

Oh that Thy goodness may lead us to repentance, and soften our hearts! Win us over, Lord, by Thy love. Draw us closer to Thyself, and may we never depart from Thee.

And now, O Lord, take us into Thy

safe keeping for the hours that are before us during the coming night. Look in mercy upon the homeless and destitute. Be with the sick and afflicted. Give relief to all Thy suffering people, pouring balm into their wounds, and speaking peace to their souls. Give Thy promised blessing to those who mourn for sin, and may they be comforted.

Now, O Lord, we pray Thee to bless us who are now presenting ourselves before Thy throne. Take us and all our beloved ones under Thy sheltering care this night. Preserve us all in peace and safety. Be the God of this family, and may our dwelling be under Thy special guardianship. Refresh us with peaceful sleep, and strengthen us for the duties which lie before us.

Hear us in this our evening prayer, and give a gracious answer to our requests, for His sake who died for us and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

O THOU that hearest prayer, listen to us as we draw near to Thee this morning. We desire to wait upon Thee as Thy servants, and to obey Thee in all things. Keep us constantly mindful that Thou art our Master, and may it be the desire of our hearts to know Thy will, and to do it with all earnestness.

We thank Thee for Thy loving care of us; for having watched over us when we so much needed Thy protection; and for preserving us in health and safety, when so many are suffering. What are we, O God, that Thou shouldest deal so kindly with us? Oh that we may henceforth give ourselves up to Thy service, and no longer seek to please ourselves but Thee.

Fit us, we beseech Thee, for the duties and trials which are before us. We ask Thee to make use of us when and where Thou pleasest. Give us some work to do for Thee; and whatever that work is, may we do it with our might. And, blessed Saviour, if there be any cross which Thou callest us to bear, may we endure it cheerfully for Thy sake. Enable us to feel that it is light indeed, if Thou dost bear it with us; and make us ever willing to suffer with Thee here, that we may share Thy glory hereafter.

O Lord, we belong to Thee. We have been admitted by baptism into Thy fold. Make us not only Thy professing people, but true and living members of Thy Church.

Breathe, O Holy Spirit, breathe new life into our souls. We have slept too long; do Thou awaken us. We have lived too much for this world; may we henceforth live unto Thee, consecrating our souls and bodies, our hearts and

affections, to Thy service, and desiring in all things to glorify Thee by our holy and devoted lives.

Look, O Lord, upon Thy Church at large. Give free course to Thy word, and make men to feel its power. May Thy kingdom be ever advancing in the world. Bring men to the knowledge of Thy truth. Stir up the hearts of Thy people to desire the spread of Thy gospel. Look in mercy upon the heathen, and have compassion upon all who know Thee not. Gather into Thy fold both Jews and Gentiles; and bless abundantly with Thy grace those who labour among them. Lord, the work is great, and the workmen few. Call forth labourers into Thy field; and may their work be owned and blessed of Thee.

Heavenly Father, make each of us to shine as a light in this dark world, holding forth the word of life. Hear us, and bless us, and be with us this day, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Tuesday Evening.

O GOD, our Creator and Protector, the Father of our spirits, and the Friend of our souls, we are once more gathered together in Thy name. We are Thy children, and under Thy special care we desire again to place ourselves.

Before we go to rest we would thank Thee for the mercies of the past day, and we would ask Thee to pardon the sins which we have committed. O God, forgive our self-seeking and self-pleasing. Forgive our want of faith and love, our coldness in prayer, and our slothfulness in the discharge of our several duties. We have loved this world too much, and have been overburdened with its cares. Free us from its bondage, and raise our affections to things above.

Oh that we may live nearer to Thee, and devote ourselves more entirely to Thy service. Make Thy word instructive to our minds, and precious to our souls; and give us more real enjoyment in prayer. May our hope be fixed on Christ, and may He be our present joy and our future portion.

We are tied and bound, O Lord, with the chain of our sins; do Thou in mercy loose us. Grant us pardon for the past. Blot out all our transgressions. They are great indeed. Our own hearts condemn us; and much more dost Thou, who knowest all things, and searchest our very hearts and reins. We would wash in that fountain which Thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness. May the blood of Jesus cleanse us, and may the Spirit of Jesus quicken us, and give new life to our souls.

Keep guard over us during the silent watches of the night. Be Thou about our bed. Commit us to the care of Thy

ministering angels. Preserve us from all the dangers of the night. Keep us from fire and violence, from storm and tempest. And shield our souls also from the assaults of Satan. Put away from us all evil thoughts and unholy desires. Be Thou our hiding-place, and do Thou shelter us under Thy wings, so that no evil may befall us.

And now, O Lord, we will lay ourselves down to sleep and take our rest. Prepare us for that night which shall be our last; and, whether we wake or sleep, may we be Thine for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

May the Lord direct our hearts this night and for ever in the love of God, and in the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

O GOD, who hast in mercy spared us to the beginning of another day, we thank Thee for this renewal of Thy love. And now we come into Thy presence to ask Thee to give us Thy grace and blessing for the day that is before us. We desire to do Thy will, and to please Thee in all things. May we feel that Thine eye is upon us all the day long, and may we act as in Thy presence, and with an earnest desire to serve Thee, our heavenly Master. Lord, show unto each of us the task which Thou hast portioned out to us; and may we undertake it heartily for Christ's sake. Enable us to work for Thee whilst it is day; for the night is near when no man can work.

Let Thy blessing rest upon this household. Make us a family fearing and loving Thee. Be Thou honoured in this house; and may it be seen whose we are and whom we serve. Grant that a spirit of unity and love may prevail among us. May we be kind and gentle towards each other, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ. May those who rule be just, and kind, and considerate; and may those who serve do so cheerfully and willingly for Christ's sake. [Be with the little ones of this family, and may their hearts be given to Thee.]

Teach us, O Lord, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and Thy glorious appearing. And when Thou comest, may we be found watching. May our lamps be lighted, and our loins be girded, and we like servants who wait for the coming of their lord.

O God, teach us to remember that our

time is short, and that our days are few. Oh that we may be in earnest about our souls, and not be ashamed to confess Christ before our fellow-men! May we declare plainly that we seek a better country than this, and that our home is above, and our treasure there also.

O Lord, enable us to live by faith, and not by sight, remembering that we are strangers and pilgrims here, and that this is not our rest. May we be ever looking, not at the things which are seen and are temporal, but at those things which are unseen and eternal.

And now we lift up our hearts unto Thee, thanking Thee for all the goodness and mercy which have followed us hitherto, and trusting Thee for the future. And to Thee, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hal-

lowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the cry of Thy needy ones who come to Thee in the Saviour's name; for His sake accept us in this our evening prayer. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, to help our infirmities, and teach us how to pray. Make us to feel our wants, and may the time we spend upon our knees be a time of earnest prayer and devotion.

We ask Thee, heavenly Father, to give us the blessing of health, and to prosper us in our concerns so far as shall be good for us. If we can bear prosperity, bestow it upon us; but if Thou shouldest see it needful to afflict us, let us humbly submit to Thy will, and bear our trial patiently. Deal with us ac-

cording to our need, and as Thou in Thy wisdom seest it to be good for us.

Above all, give us believing, earnest, and loving hearts. Show us our sins, and make us to hate them, even as they are hateful unto Thee. Forgive, for Christ's sake, all that we have done wrong to-day: all our sins, both known and unknown; all the mistakes into which we have fallen; and all our wrong words and foolish thoughts. Blot them out, we beseech Thee, in the Saviour's cleansing blood. And oh, give us the joy of pardon. Make us to feel that Thou hast indeed accepted us, and made us Thy children; and may we ever find Thy ways to be ways of peace.

Let Thy word be sweet to us, yea, sweeter than honey to our taste. Enable us to read it with prayer, with reverence, and with attention. Bring home to us its precious truths; make them the rule of our lives, and the comfort of our hearts. What we see not clearly do Thou in

mercy teach us. Reveal Christ to our souls. Show Him to us as our all-sufficient Redeemer, and the Friend whom we need. And grant that day by day we may grow in grace, and be ever making progress on our way to heaven.

And now, O Lord, we commit ourselves, and all that concerns us, to Thy gracious care. Command Thy blessing to rest upon those whom we love, wherever they may be. Give them health of body, and peace of mind. Gather them in Thine arms, and shelter them in Thy bosom. Watch over them and us this night. If Thou protect us not, we shall be exposed to danger; but in Thy keeping we shall be safe. Be with us now and evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by*

day] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we humbly commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

WE thank Thee, O Lord, for having spared us to see the light of another day; fill our hearts with gratitude and our mouths with praise. Make this a useful and happy day to us. Remove every burden from our minds, and every sorrow from our hearts. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us joy and peace in believing. Grant us the Spirit of adoption, so that we may indeed feel that Thou art our Father, and that we are Thy reconciled and beloved children.

Lord, give us this day some work to do for Thee. Employ us in Thy service. Let us neither say nor do anything which is displeasing to Thee. Let our thoughts be pure, and our desires holy. Keep us

not only from outward transgression, but from those secret faults and hidden sins which are so offensive to Thee. Let our conversation be such as becometh the gospel of Christ.

Heavenly Father, have mercy on the world around us. Check the sinful, and turn them from their evil course; arouse the careless; give light to those who are in error; and convert the impenitent. Let the power of Thy gospel be felt, and let sinners be won over by Thy grace. And if any whom we love are as yet far from Thee, Christians only in name but not in heart and life, O bring them into Thy fold, and save their souls.

And make us to feel the blessedness of Thy service. Whatever we do this day, enable us to do it according to Thy will, and seeking Thy approval. Give us, we pray Thee, a contented spirit. Let us not be cast down by the trials of the world, nor led away by its pleasures. Keep us in perfect peace, our minds

being stayed upon Thee; and give us that firm trust in Thee which no storm can shake, and no danger destroy.

Have pity, Lord, upon the poor, the sick, and the afflicted. Regard with tender compassion those who are in sorrow; bind up their wounds, and relieve their aching hearts; give them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoner come before Thee, and in Thee may the fatherless and widow find mercy.

And bless us who are now before Thee, according to our several wants; and give us all that we need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed and only Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as

we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace; the Lord be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth and for evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O GOD, our Creator and Preserver, in whom are all our ways, who givest to us life, and breath, and all things, we thank Thee for having kept us safely during another day. When danger has been near, Thou hast protected us with Thy unseen arm. Thou hast been our shield and defence all the day long.

And now again we place ourselves under Thy sheltering care. O Lord, watch over us, and bless us, during the coming night. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. Let Thine eye then be always upon us, and Thy fatherly hand ever be over us, so that no evil may come near to touch us.

Forgive us all that we have done

wrong this day, both in our outward conduct, and in our hearts within. Pardon all our careless words; the trifling thoughts that have passed through our minds; the evil desires which have been allowed to lodge within us. If we have injured any one, give us godly sorrow; if we have disobeyed Thee, or dishonoured Thy name, pardon us, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake; and if there has been any inconsistency in our conduct, humble us on account of it. May we always remember that we are the professed followers of a holy Saviour. Let His commands be our delight; His will our pleasure; His example our daily pattern; and His presence what we long for.

Give us, gracious God, the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, to renew our hearts, and to sanctify our souls. Make us day by day more holy and heavenly-minded. Fit us for Thy service here, and prepare us for a holier service above. And may we

ever be in a state of readiness to depart when Thou shalt call us hence.

Teach us to remember that in the midst of life we are in death. Make us to live as strangers and pilgrims here, looking for our rest above, in those heavenly mansions where Thou, O Saviour, art gone to prepare a place for us. Bring us into that rest, we beseech Thee, not for any merit of our own, but for Thy sake; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we would ascribe everlasting praise. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven is Thy throne, and the earth Thy footstool. Fill us with awe and reverence as we kneel before Thee. Make us to feel that Thou art great and glorious, and that we are vile and worthless. Our sinful hearts are all open before Thee, and we are guilty in Thy sight. We dare not come unto Thee in our own name, but in that name which is above every name, even that of Him who is our Advocate and Intercessor. For Jesus Christ's sake graciously receive us, and bless us.

Another day is before us. O fit us for its duties, its trials, its temptations, and its blessings. Strengthen us for every event, and let nothing draw us aside from

that strait and narrow path which Thou hast pointed out to us. Thou, O Saviour, hast led the way; enable us to trace Thy footsteps, and meekly to follow Thee. Where thou leadest we will go, and what Thou commandest we will do.

Call to mind all that Thou didst endure for us, Thine agony and bloody sweat, Thy cross and passion, Thy life of suffering and of sorrow. Make us willing to bear our cross after Thee; and be Thou our Refuge from sin and sorrow here, and our eternal Portion hereafter.

Draw us to Thyself with the cords of love. Give us willing hearts to serve Thee; and amidst all our engagements and occupations this day, make us to remember how strong a claim Thou hast upon our affections and our hearts. Enable us to honour Thee in our several stations. If in authority, keep us humble, and may we act with kindness. If servants, make us obedient, cheerful, and contented.

O God, make us useful in our day and generation. Our race will soon be run; our day of grace will soon be past; our working season will soon be over. May we redeem the time, and spend every hour in Thy service. Show us what Thou wouldest have us do for Thee. O help us to be more earnest in our prayers, more devout in reading Thy word, more diligent in our business, more watchful over our hearts, and more anxious to win the prize of our Christian calling.

In all the events of to-day, whether in sorrow or in joy, whether our course be smooth, or difficulties be in our way, do Thou take us by the hand and lead us on. Be our Guide, our Support, our present Friend and Comforter, till at length we are called into Thy presence, where there is fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand pleasures for evermore.

Hear us, heavenly Father, in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

O THOU great and glorious God, who dwellest in the heaven above, and rulest all things by Thy almighty power, be pleased to look down upon us, Thy weak and sinful creatures, now before Thee.

We venture into Thy presence, because Thou hast bidden us to come, and because Thou hast promised a welcome to all who approach Thee in the name of Thy dear Son. O Thou King of kings, stretch out Thy golden sceptre to us, and bid us draw near to Thy throne. There is not a want which Thou art not able to relieve, or a sorrow that thou canst not remove. Unto Thee all our hearts are open, all our desires are known, and from Thee no secrets are hid. We therefore

put ourselves and all our concerns into Thy hands, asking Thee to do for us just as Thou seest best. Thou hast an ear to hear, and a heart to feel for us.

We confess, O Lord, that we are not as earnest as we should be about our souls. This world occupies us too much. The things which are temporal engage us more than those things which are eternal. Lord, quicken us by Thy grace, and rouse us from our spiritual slumber. Stir us up to more fervent prayer. When engaged in our worldly occupations may we think often of Thee. May we do our ordinary duties with heaven before us, and eternity in view.

O Lord, send us health and strength of body. Bless us in ourselves, and in our families. Bless us in the house, and in the field; in our basket, and our store; in our going out, and coming in; in our lying down, and rising up.

But above all, bless us in our souls. Prosper us as regards heavenly things.

Give us a sure and certain hope of our acceptance in Christ. Give us faith in Him. Grant us a peaceful, calm, and contented mind. May we count all else but loss, that we may win Christ and be found in Him.

Oh that every member of this family may be numbered among the saved. Be with all who are dear to us, whether present or absent. Give us grace to choose that good part which shall not be taken from us. Make us to be helpers, and not hinderers, to one another on the road to heaven. And when our short life is ended, gather us into Thy kingdom above, to be with Thee for ever.

Hear us, heavenly Father, and when Thou hearest forgive us, and bless us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

May the Lord direct our hearts this night and for ever in the love of God, and in the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

O GOD, who dwellest in the highest heaven, and yet drawest near to bless Thy people who call upon Thee, listen, we beseech Thee, to our morning prayer. We are gathered together in Thy name: be Thou in the midst of us.

Thou knowest, Lord, all our sins and all our need. We confess to Thee that there is much that we have left undone, and much that we have done amiss. There have been many things in our outward conduct which we feel to have been wrong. And when Thou lookest into our hearts, Thou seest that we have not loved Thee as we ought; we have not cared for Thee; we have forgotten Thee; we have allowed worldly things to drive Thee out of our thoughts. In the day

of trial we have murmured, and when all has prospered with us we have not been thankful.

O God, we are guilty before Thee. We have no plea to urge on our own behalf. But Thou art a God full of compassion and love. Thy property is always to have mercy. Forgive us, we beseech Thee, for our Redeemer's sake. May that precious blood which was shed upon the cross atone for all our guilt. O Saviour, Thou hast paid the debt which we could never pay. Thou hast offered a full and complete sacrifice for sin. Thou hast bled for us on the accursed tree. Blot out, we beseech Thee, all our sins. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Make us to hear of joy and gladness, that our pardoned souls may rejoice before Thee.

Lord, keep us near to Thee this day. Guard us against all evil, and especially against all temptation to sin. Oh that we may live a holy, watchful, and Christian

life! and may it be our happiness to do Thy will, and to please Thee in all things. If we are disposed at any time to be angry, do Thou restrain us. If hasty words are upon our lips, enable us to recall them. If unbelieving or impure thoughts rush into our minds, give us grace instantly to expel them. We desire, O heavenly Father, to be holy, as Thou art holy. Make us so, we entreat Thee. Put Thy Holy Spirit within us, and bring every thought and feeling into obedience to Thyself.

Blessed be Thy name, O gracious God, for all that we have received at Thy hands. Thou givest us far more than we deserve. We thank Thee for the measure of health which we enjoy, for the plenty which surrounds us, for our kind friends, for our daily comforts; and still more for our spiritual blessings, for a Saviour, and for the salvation which He has purchased for us. For these, and all Thy mercies, we give Thee hearty

thanks, praising and magnifying Thy glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us, and upon all whom we love, now and ever. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we draw near to Thee this evening as Thy children, knowing that Thou art ready to supply all our need. Thou hast said, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Enable us now to ask rightly, to seek with all earnestness, and so to knock at the door of mercy that Thou wilt hear and receive us.

We thank Thee that Thou hast brought us safely to the close of another week. Many and great have been Thy gifts, for which we heartily thank Thee; for Thy protecting and preserving care; for mercies renewed day by day; for kindness, forbearance, and love so repeatedly shown towards us. Oh for hearts to praise Thee for all that Thou art in Thyself, and all

that Thou hast done for us. Open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Lord, Thou art the Fountain of all happiness; give us of those joys which flow from Thee. Make us cheerful even in the midst of trouble, and grant us at all times a calm and contented spirit. Above all, give to each of us, we earnestly beseech Thee, the peace which flows from an assurance of Thy pardoning mercy. By the power of Thy Spirit lead each soul to Christ.

Bless Thy Church at large, and especially that branch of it to which we belong. May it ever be sound in doctrine, and pure from error. Make it the blessed instrument of spreading Thy truth, of exalting Thy dear Son, and of saving souls.

We pray for all Thy ministers. Guide them with Thy counsel, and make them ensamples to Thy flock. O fit them for the great work before them, and especially

for the service of Thy sanctuary on the morrow. Strengthen them, cheer them, sanctify their souls.

And, O Lord, since the harvest is great, and the labourers few, raise up, we pray Thee, faithful and true men, and send them to labour in thy harvest-field. And do Thou Thyself fit and prepare them for the glorious work to which Thou shalt call them.

Look also favourably, O Lord, upon the several members of our Church. Stir up their zeal and earnestness, and make them a seed to serve Thee.

Grant a blessing on the services of Thy own day. Give us that preparation of heart which we so much need. Pour out upon all Thy congregations the spirit of prayer. Give unto them the hearing ear, the understanding mind, and the believing heart. Arouse the careless. Soften the impenitent. Have mercy upon those who have no mercy upon themselves. Help and encourage those who are beginning

to seek Thee; and stablish, strengthen, and settle Thy own faithful people.

And now, gracious God, spread Thy wing over us, and take us into Thy holy keeping, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we humbly commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us, and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

SECOND WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O MOST gracious God, who hast given us Thy Sabbaths to be a sign between us and Thee, hear us and bless us on this the morning of Thy holy day. We heartily thank Thee for making one day in seven specially Thine own, and giving it to us for holy rest and worship. Thou knowest our frame, and providest mercifully for the refreshment of our bodies. Thou knowest our spiritual necessities, and hast appointed this day for the good of our souls.

Fit us, O our God, for Thy service.

Teach us how to pray. Let our hearts and voices be joined in earnest prayer and thankful praise. Tens of thousands will this day seek a blessing from Thee: let us not be formal and faithless. Showers of blessing will fall this day from Thy gracious hand: bless us, even us, O our Father.

With gladness and thankfulness of heart may we go up to Thy house. May we have grace to worship Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Thou art great and greatly to be praised. With deep humility may we bow before Thee. O Lord, deliver us from earthly cares, from wandering thoughts, from the risings of evil temper, from pride and vanity, whilst we join outwardly in acts of worship. May we deeply feel that Thou art amongst us, and that we are on holy ground. And do Thou speak to all our hearts by Thy ministers. Speak words of warning, counsel, and comfort, as each specially

needs. Speak, Lord, for Thy servants hear.

We pray that we may learn more of Thy truth to-day. We pray that we may be helped on towards heaven. We pray that the power of Thy Spirit may accompany the word, and make it quick and powerful to us. And upon those to whom Thy Providence denies the privilege of worshipping in the assemblies of Thy people pour out, O Lord, Thy blessing. Give them Thy peace. Manifest Thy presence to them. Let them draw sweet comfort from Thy holy word. Strengthen them for the endurance of afflictions with all patience and joyfulness.

Be with Thy ministers to-day. Let Thy gospel be faithfully preached amongst us, and let great success attend the preaching of it. Prosper the labours of all Sunday-school teachers. May they earnestly desire, and faithfully strive, to gather the lambs into the Good Shepherd's fold. May all their work be done in

dependence upon Thy grace, and with a single eye to Thy glory.

O gracious God and Father, we have begun this blessed day with Thee; teach us, bless us, make us joyful in Thee, through all its sacred hours, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

WE praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give Thee hearty thanks, O Lord our God, for the manifold and great mercies of this day of holy rest. For the message of redeeming love once again brought to us, for the precious promises of Thy word, for the privilege of lifting up with Thy holy Church throughout the world our prayers and praises to Thee, [for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the holy communion of the body and blood of Christ], we humbly offer to Thee our evening sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to fasten upon our hearts and memories the lessons of *holy truth* taught us to-day. Suffer us

not to give so little heed to the things that we have heard as to let them slip. May we not only *hear* the joyful sound of the gospel, but *receive*, and *love*, and *obey* it; and show that we do so by walking in the light of Thy countenance. O Thou great Head of the Church pardon, we humbly pray Thee, the sins which we have this day committed against Thy Divine Majesty; especially those which have been mixed up with our acts of solemn worship. O Saviour, pity and help Thy poor sinful servants who too often sing Thy praises with feigned lips, and wandering hearts. Let thy love be more abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto us. Jesus, Master, have mercy upon us! If another Sabbath is given us, may our hearts be more warm, and our prayers more earnest.

And now, O Lord, may that which we have learnt to-day fit us better for Thy service through the week. May we be

stronger to resist temptation, and more ready for every good word and work, through Thy blessing upon the word preached. May each Sabbath leave us in some measure at least advanced on our way heavenward.

We ask, O God, on this the evening of Thine own day, that a special blessing may rest upon our dear relatives and friends. Fulfil graciously the petitions which they have offered, and accept their praises. And hear us when we pray Thee to watch over them, to guide and defend them. Graft in all their hearts the love of Thy name. Lead them and us in the way of life everlasting.

Let Thy blessed peace now fill all our minds. Let a softening, sanctifying influence from the services of this Sabbath be upon us, and abide with us. And when earthly Sabbaths and earthly services are all done with, O take us, merciful Father, to the rest prepared for

Thy people, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us, and lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

O GOD, our Creator and Preserver, we have laid us down and slept, and have awaked and arisen again, for Thou hast sustained us. We humbly offer up to Thee as a family our praises and thanksgivings for all Thy goodness and mercy shown to us up to this day.

And now, O Lord our God, as we are entering upon the labours of the week, we seek Thy grace and guidance. We are ignorant, and need Thy teaching. Lord, show us the way in which we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. We are weak, and unable of ourselves to overcome temptation, and to fulfil our daily duties. Lord, make us strong in Thee. Be Thou our Helper;

and fulfil to us Thine own promise, that Thou wilt bruise Satan under our feet. Make us to know the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that we may not trust in ourselves, but, looking to Thee for succour, watch unto prayer.

Prosper us, O Lord our God, we humbly pray Thee, in everything which we attempt to do for Thy glory and the good of our fellow-creatures. Make us a blessing to those around us. Give us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Make us gentle and patient, tender-hearted, and forbearing in our dealings with others.

Amidst all our earthly cares and labours may we be ever mindful of that great eternity to which every hour is bringing us nearer. O Lord, help us by Thy grace to improve our time and talents, and not to waste and misuse them. Of Thine infinite mercy Thou didst give Thy dear Son to die for us; O may we live as the redeemed of the Lord ought.

to live; not selfishly, or according to the course of this world, but as the true followers of Christ and heirs of Thy kingdom.

We pray for this family, that peace and love may abound amongst us. O let not any one of us by word or example lead others astray. May we all assist one another in serving Thee, and fighting against sin.

Bless, O Lord, our country. Let true religion flourish and increase among us. Prosper every effort to check ungodliness, and to spread the knowledge of the truth amongst us. Let Thy Sabbaths be hallowed, and Thy word honoured and obeyed in our land.

These mercies we humbly ask, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us, and lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, the day is far spent, and the night is coming on, and we dare not lie down in silence and darkness without Thee. Take us under Thy gracious care. Watch over us whilst we sleep.

For the mercies of this day we heartily thank Thee. Thou art very good to us. Daily Thou spreadest our table, and preservest us from death. Thou makest Thy sun to shine upon us; Thou givest us rain and fruitful seasons; Thou givest us love, and peace, and happy intercourse with dear friends around us. And yet greater things than these hast Thou done for us. Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, for Thine unspeakable gift, for Christ and His great salvation, for the means of

grace, and for the hope of glory. O Father of mercies, awaken within us a spirit of more hearty thankfulness. Open Thou our mouths, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise.

We come to Thee, O Lord our God, humbly confessing our many sins. We acknowledge our sad shortcomings. When we think of what Thou requirest, and of what we have ourselves promised, we are covered with shame and confusion of face. How little have we done this day for Thy glory, and the good of those around us! How many vain, foolish, angry, or covetous thoughts have been suffered to lodge in our hearts! O Lord, our hope is in Thy mercy alone. We pray for forgiveness only for Christ our Saviour's sake. We have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Pity us, and pardon us; and heal and cleanse our souls.

And do Thou, O most merciful God, give us more strength to resist tempta-

tion, and to follow after godliness. Cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Leave us not to ourselves. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Rather grant, that in all things and at all times our hearts may be under His holy rule and guidance.

We bless Thee for Thy word. O give us understanding that we may learn Thy commandments. Let Thy testimonies be our meditation by night and by day. When we are busy about our daily work, may some holy word of precept or promise often come into our minds as a message from Thee; and when we lie awake at night, may our hearts be occupied with Thy statutes.

To Thee, O Lord, we now humbly commit ourselves. Defend us and all whom we love from every danger. Beneath Thy fatherly care may we be quiet from fear of evil. And when the night of death comes, may we fall asleep *in Jesus,* in bright and blessed hope of a

joyful resurrection. These things we ask in the name of our great Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, hear us, for we are poor and needy. Be merciful unto us, O Lord, for we cry unto Thee daily. Every day we have fresh cause to bless and praise Thee for all Thy mercies. Every day too we have need to seek afresh Thy help and grace; for we cannot stand, except Thou holdest us up; we cannot make progress heavenward, except Thou leadest us on. Show us this day the way we should walk in, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Make us truly anxious in all things to please Thee.

In Thy good Providence, Thou, O *Lord, hast* brought us together in one

dwelling. May we live together in love and unity. Let no root of bitterness spring up amongst us to trouble us. May all malice, and evil-speaking, and lying, and slandering, be put far away from us. May we all faithfully fulfil our duties as in Thy sight.

O God, unto Whom all hearts are open, deal mercifully with each of us according to our dangers and our necessities. If our hearts are hard, do Thou soften them. If our wills are stubborn, do Thou subdue them. If our faith is weak, do Thou strengthen it. If our fears are many, do Thou dispel them. And, O let none of us be ignorant of Christ. Let not one of us have a heart unwashed by His precious blood, and unsanctified by Thy Holy Spirit. Stablish, strengthen, and build up those who know Thee, and make us all to rejoice in Thy great salvation.

We pray for a blessing, O Lord, upon

those of our relatives and friends who are far away. O Good Shepherd, gather them all, we beseech Thee, into Thy fold. Bless our country. Save us, O God, from famine and pestilence, from war without and rebellion within. And as we are favoured above all nations, so grant that we above all others may hallow Thy name and Thy sabbaths, and be the means of spreading Thy truth throughout the world. Hear us, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, in whose sight the very heavens are not clean, and who chargest Thine angels with folly, we are utterly unworthy to come into Thy presence, or to ask Thee for any blessing. But Thou hast bidden us to draw nigh to Thee. Thou hast opened for us a way to Thy mercy-seat, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. For His sake, O Lord, hear us, and when Thou hearest, forgive and bless us.

Through another day we have been preserved by Thy kind Providence, and blest by Thy bounty. For our daily bread, O Lord, we thank Thee. We praise Thy holy Name for the religious *privileges* and means of instruction with

which we are favoured. Especially do we offer unto Thee our hearty thanksgivings for Thy holy word, given to us to light our path through this dark world.

O God, who hast most graciously bestowed upon us that word, give us, we humbly pray Thee, a right and profitable understanding of it. With deep humility and reverence, with the teachableness of little children, may we read and hear it. That which we see not, teach Thou us. Let Thy word always be a word in season to us. O most gracious Spirit, by whose inspiration holy men of God were moved to write it, guide us, we pray Thee, into all truth. Make known to us the great and precious things of Thy word; and may we see in its sacred pages that Saviour of whom it is Thy great work to testify.

We pray Thee, O most merciful God and Father, to pardon all in which we have this day displeased Thee. We are

poor, weak, forgetful, and unprofitable creatures, soon drawn away from Thee by earthly cares and vanities, and the deceitfulness of our own hearts. O Lord, pardon our many sins and shortcomings. May we now lie down on our beds comforted with a sense of Thy pardoning mercy, and resting in peace beneath Thy fatherly care.

O Thou who art a God afar off as well as nigh at hand, watch over our absent friends this night. All their wants and troubles are known to Thee. Give them Thy peace. Lead them in Thy way. Upon them and upon us pour out Thy heavenly blessing, now and for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us

our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

O LORD, give ear to our words. Hearken unto the voice of our cry, our King and our God, for unto Thee do we pray. Our voices shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. We come into Thy presence as a family to thank Thee for Thy tender love and Thy fatherly care. We have passed the night in peace and safety. Thou hast suffered no plague or evil to come nigh our dwelling. With each new day new mercies are showered down upon us. O may each one of our hearts lift up to Thee its morning sacrifice of thankfulness and praise.

And now, O Lord, except we have Thy presence, protection, and blessing,

what good shall life do unto us? O keep us this day we pray Thee, stedfast in Thy faith and fear. Make clean our hearts within us. Strengthen us to fight against and check the first risings of anger, and of sinful thoughts and desires. Make us to hate vain thoughts, and to love and meditate in Thy law. Let Thy statutes be our delight and our counsellors.

O Thou God of truth, unto whom lying lips are an abomination, and who requirest truth in the inward parts, keep, we beseech Thee, our tongues from evil, and our lips from speaking guile. Put far away from us all deceit and hypocrisy. May we always speak the truth in love. May we be just and upright in all our dealings.

Give us, O Lord, a right judgment in all things. Give us that heavenly wisdom which Thou hast so graciously promised to bestow upon those who ask it. Enable us all to see clearly the path

of duty before us this day, and make us willing with holy self-denial to walk in it.

We ask, O most merciful Father, that we may at all times have the teaching and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit. In all our earthly labours, as well as in our acts of worship, may we seek Thy glory. O help us by Thy grace to live as the redeemed of the Lord, who have Thee for their Father, and the Holy Spirit as their Sanctifier and Comforter.

We pray for all dear to us. Keep, and defend, and bless them this day. We pray for those who administer our laws. May they rule and govern in Thy fear. We pray for that portion of Thy Church to which we belong. May peace be within her walls. May she be the honoured instrument of bringing many into Thy fold.

O Lord, hear; O Lord, hearken and do; not for our sake, but according to the multitude of Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, in whose hand is our breath, and whose are all our ways, we come to thank Thee for Thy merciful preservation of us through another day. We know not, in our utter ignorance of things unseen, the dangers that surround us by night and by day. We know not how often there is but a step between us and death. But all is known to Thee; and Thy gracious hand has often turned away from us the danger which Thine eye alone could see. We praise Thee then, O Lord our God, who redeemest our lives from destruction, and crownest us with mercy and loving-kindness.

O Thou, who art slow to anger and *plenteous* in mercy, pardon, we humbly

pray Thee, for Christ's sake, all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Blot them all out of the book of Thy remembrance. Enter not into judgment with us on account of them. There is forgiveness with Thee. May we hear Thy gracious voice saying to us, as we penitently confess our sins, 'Be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee.'

In every time of need and trouble be Thou, O God, a very present help. Sanctify to us all Thy fatherly chastisements. We know that Thou dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. Thou chastenest us for our profit, to make us partakers of Thy holiness. Teach us then, O Lord our God, to profit by all Thy dealings with us. Subdue every proud and stubborn thought within us. May our wills be conformed to Thine. When we are called to suffer may we trust and be still. When the night of heaviness is upon us may we be enabled patiently to wait for the morning of joy.

O most merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, receive and comfort us who are wearied with the burden of our sins. Blessed Saviour, who callest the weary and heavy-laden unto Thee, give us the rest which Thou alone canst give. Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief. Of Thy great mercy scatter all our doubts and fears, and shed abroad in our hearts the comforts of Thy good Spirit, that we may have joy and peace in believing.

Take this household under Thy care this night. Be pleased to give us all refreshing sleep. May our minds be peaceful. And may our waking thoughts be thoughts of praise. These things we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by*

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

O GOD, Thou art our God; early will we seek Thee. Before we go forth to the duties and dangers of another day we come to Thee, praying Thee to guide, support, and defend us. Show us this day what Thou wouldst have us to do, and make us in all things ready to obey Thy holy will. Our hearts are all open to Thee, and Thou knowest exactly what sins most easily beset us, and what temptations are most likely to overcome us. Lord, suit Thy mercy to our need. Hold Thou us up and we shall be safe. Make us watchful unto prayer. Deliver us from pride and self-confidence, and grant us grace to walk humbly with Thee, our God.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast given unto us a new commandment, that we should love one another, give us more of Thine own mind and spirit. May all strife and vain-glory be put far from us. In lowliness of mind may we esteem others better than ourselves. Thou, O blessed Saviour, didst not please Thyself; O that we may copy Thy bright example, and look not on our own things but on those of others, and try to bear, and so to lighten, their burdens.

We pray, O Lord, for Thy help and guidance in the duties of this day; may we spend it as we ought. Let not one of us by act or word put a stumbling-block in a brother's way. We are called by Thy name; suffer us not in *words* to honour Thee, and in *works* to deny Thee. Make us truly and wholly Thine. May we exercise ourselves to have a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards men.

We pray Thee, O most merciful Father,

to bless our country. Very great are the mercies and privileges which Thou hast bestowed upon us as a nation; O let us not be stubborn and unthankful. May true religion flourish amongst us, and all nations see that our land is one which Thou hast blest.

Take us, and all, whom we love under Thy gracious care to-day. Keep us outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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Thursday Evening.

FATHER of mercies, Giver of every good gift, graciously behold us, Thy servants, who come to thank Thee for the blessings of another day. Thou hast borne most patiently with us, whilst we have too often provoked Thee. Thou hast fed us with food convenient for us, whilst we have too often forgotten Thee. We praise Thee for Thy wonderful pity and forbearance, for the bounties of Thy good Providence, and the blessings of Thy grace. With our *lips* would we praise Thee, O Lord our God, day by day; in our *lives* may we glorify and serve Thee.

O Thou who hast so mercifully provided for us means of grace, and opportunities of instruction, withhold not from us that light and teaching of Thy holy

Spirit, which alone can make them profitable to us. When we read Thy holy word, may we hear Thee speaking to us from heaven. When we hear Thy gospel preached, may it come to us with power, and the Holy Ghost, and much assurance. In all our intercourse with those who fear Thee, may their words and their example be made a blessing to us.

Deliver us, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, from pride and self-sufficiency. Make us humble and lowly. May we distrust ourselves, and look to thee alone for guidance and wisdom. We are at best most unprofitable servants. O forgive our many sins. Heal our backslidings. Pity our infirmities. Deliver us from every snare and temptation of the wicked one. Let us not be ignorant of *his* devices or of *our own* weakness. Make us strong in Thee and in the power of Thy might.

We pray Thee, O Lord our God, to

take us all under Thy gracious care this night. Do Thou, whose hands have made and fashioned us, give to our wearied bodies the peaceful rest and sleep which they need. And since Thou alone searchest the heart, and orderest the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, calm our minds; cleanse our thoughts; draw our affections heavenwards. Let the love of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given to us, so that as we lie down to rest, and when we wake up again, our souls may be lifted up in love and adoration to our merciful Redeemer. Those mercies which we ask for ourselves we ask also for all who are dear to us, and we commit them and ourselves to Thy holy keeping through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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The Lord bless us, and keep us, and lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

O GOD, our Father, Thy goodness gives us another day, and we come together to praise Thee for it, and to ask for grace to enable us to spend it aright. May we faithfully fulfil the duties which lie before us. May we successfully overcome the temptations which we meet with. O Lord, keep us this day from sin. Let us not provoke one another to wrath. Let us not harden any friend or companion in sin. Let not any one of us carelessly wound another's heart. Make us kind and tender-hearted one to another. May we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

O Lord, who didst give Thy dear Son to die for us, keep us ever mindful of the exceeding great price which was paid for

our redemption. May we never think lightly of the sins by which Christ our Lord was pierced. And, O most merciful Saviour, who, for us men and our salvation, wast content to be mocked and scourged, to bleed and die, may all Thy purposes of love in suffering for us be accomplished. By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, good Lord deliver us: from all blindness of heart, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word and commandment.

O most merciful Father, Thou hast been very good to us. Continue Thy loving-kindness to us. Still bear patiently with us, Thy weak and wayward children. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation. Draw us, and we shall run after Thee. Enlarge our hearts, that we may run in the way of Thy commandments.

We pray for Thy rich and abundant blessing upon all who preach the gospel to the heathen. Support and guide all Thy faithful missionaries. Cheer and comfort them in troubles and difficulties. Make them instruments of turning many from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto Thee. And look with compassion upon Thine ancient people Israel. O Lord, Thy threatenings have been fulfilled upon them on account of their rebellion and sin; now let Thy gracious promises be accomplished on their behalf. Let them no longer remain in stubborn unbelief. Let the receiving of them be as life from the dead. Teach us to pity them, and care for them, and pray for them. May our hearts be filled with tender compassion for all who are ignorant of Christ, or reject Him. And O hasten the glorious time when Jews and Gentiles shall acknowledge one common Saviour, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd. Hear, O Lord,

our supplications, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

O GREAT and glorious God, who dwellest in the high and holy place, and yet lookest down with mercy on us, Thy weak and sinful children on earth; be pleased, we beseech Thee, favourably to receive our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. We thank Thee heartily for the mercies of this day. O Lord, we do not deserve any blessing at Thy hands. With shame and sorrow we confess that much of our life has been wasted in self-pleasing and sin. Thy love has been unthankfully forgotten. Our own solemn promises have been often broken. Thy holy word has been sadly neglected. Thou hast done great things for us, and we have been too

often careless about pleasing Thee. For all our many transgressions and shortcomings we would humble ourselves before Thee. Lord, we are vile and sinful, have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake.

And do Thou, O Lord, whose name is Holy, make us holy. This is Thy will, even our sanctification. Fulfil in us all the good pleasure of Thy will. Make clean our hearts within us. Purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve Thee the living God. Make us to love Thy holy word more, and understand it better. And may the reading of that word, and all the means of grace provided for us, be effectual for our edification and our instruction in righteousness.

We pray Thee now, O Lord our God, to take this family under Thy fatherly care. O that each member of it may be not only preserved by Thy kind Providence, but also taught and

sanctified by Thy Spirit. May we who meet from time to time at Thy mercy-seat, so live together in this life that in the world to come we may all be united in life everlasting.

Through the hours of darkness do Thou watch over us. May our sleep be sweet, and our waking thoughts be full of thankfulness. Hear us, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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Saturday Morning.

O GOD, the King of glory, who art exalted above the heavens, we are utterly unworthy to approach Thee, or to take Thy great and holy name into our lips. But Thou in great mercy and condescension biddest us to draw nigh. Thou hast opened a way by which we may come with boldness and with confidence unto Thee. Lord, we come in the name of Him whom Thou hearest always. We plead the merits and mediation of Christ our Saviour. For His sake shut not Thy merciful ears to our cry; but spare us, and help us, and bless us.

We prayed Thee, O Lord, to keep us through the night; and even as we desired, so hast Thou dealt with us. Thou *hast sustained* us and made us to dwell in

safety. Permitted once again to meet together in health and peace, we humbly offer up our united praises and thanksgivings unto Thee. Keep us this day stedfast in Thy faith and fear. We are Thine, O Lord, by creation, by redemption, by our own solemn vows and promises, by our admission into Thy Church. O suffer us not then to live as if we were altogether our own. May the love of Christ constrain us to live for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. And for His sake may we try to do good to those for whom He died. Deliver us from selfishness. Give us large hearts. Give us more of that blessed spirit of love, which suffereth long and is kind, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

We ask for a blessing this day, O Lord, on all who labour in the word and doctrine; more especially for him [*or*, those] who ministers in this parish. As we earnestly desire to profit by what we hear,

so we pray Thee to teach Thy servants, that they may rightly teach us. Lead them on in Thy truth. Reveal to them more and more of the great things of Thy law. May Christ whom they preach be increasingly precious to their own souls. Refresh and comfort them, that with power and fervour they may plead for Thee with men. Help them to bring forth from the treasures of Thy word things good for the use of edifying, both new and old. Send forth, O Thou Lord of the harvest, more faithful labourers into Thy harvest. And as Thou gatherest continually Thy wheat into Thy heavenly garner, let new fields stand ready for the reaping.

Favourably regard, O Lord, this family. May we all, young and old, know and love Thee. May Thy peace dwell amongst us, and fill each heart. Pity our infirmities. Pardon all our sins. Supply all our need. This we ask for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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Saturday Evening.

O MOST merciful Father, Thy kind Providence has brought us to the close of another week. We have come one week nearer to the judgment-seat of Christ, and to a great eternity. May the thought solemnize all our minds. O teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto heavenly wisdom. May we so consider our latter end as carefully to prepare for it. Let us not live in vain. Thou hast formed us for Thyself, to show forth Thy praise and to live to Thy glory. O suffer us not to rob Thee of Thy due. Incline and enable us to give ourselves sincerely to Thee, to serve and honour Thee.

We implore Thy forgiveness, O Lord our God, for the many sins which we

have committed in the course of this week. All have been known and marked by Thee. To us belong shame and confusion of face on account of them; but to Thee, our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses though we have rebelled against Thee. Spare us then, O Lord our God; spare Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Enter not into judgment with us. Deal not with us after our sins. Assure us of Thy pardoning mercy, that we may have peace in our hearts, and rejoice in God our Saviour.

And now that we are drawing near to another Sabbath, may it be with devout and hearty thankfulness that we look forward to Thy day of holy rest. O Lord, Thou knowest how careful and troubled we are about earthly things. Thou knowest how anxiety about the concerns of this world weakens our faith, and darkens our hope, and makes our love grow cold. And therefore hast

Thou in great mercy separated one day in the week for Thyself, and given it to us to be a holy resting-time. O Lord, make Thine own day to us all that Thou hast meant it to be. Fit us for its happy services. Let us not wrong our own souls and dishonour Thee, by bringing earthly cares ana labours into Thy day of rest.

We bear on our hearts before Thee our beloved friends and relatives. Thine eye is now upon them; let Thy love comfort them; let Thy sweet peace fill their hearts. Hear our prayers for them; and help them to pray for us. And on the morrow, if we are all spared, may their prayers and praises be joined with ours to one God and Father.

O Lord, we wait for Thy salvation. May we serve Thee faithfully in our generation, and when we come to die may we find death without a sting. Or if the Lord should come before death, may we be found ready, looking with

joyful hope for the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, in whose name alone we ask these mercies, and to whom with the Father, and the Holy Spirit be ascribed all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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THIRD WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O LORD our God, this is the day that Thou hast sanctified and blest; may it be a day of blessing to all our souls. It is of Thy great mercy that we are spared to see another Sabbath. May we spend it profitably, and serve Thee with devout and thankful hearts.

We are called to Thy house of prayer. O Lord, meet us there and bless us. Let not our thoughts be wandering, and our hearts be cold. May we deeply feel that Thou art in the midst of Thy wor*shipping* people; that Thou searchest

the hearts, and knowest those who truly and earnestly seek Thee. When we confess our sins, may we feel the shame and burden of them; when we ask for spiritual blessings, may it be with a sincere desire to obtain them. When we hear Thy word, do Thou, O Lord, Thyself speak to us by Thy messengers, and let Thy voice reach and move our hearts. May we learn this day some fresh lessons from Thee. May we make some progress heavenward. Lead us in Thy truth and teach us, for Thou art the God of our salvation; on Thee do we wait on this Thine own holy day.

Assist us in our private meditations and prayers as well as in public worship. Let what we read that is in agreement with Thy word, as well as what we hear, be made profitable to us. And if any among us or among our friends be kept by sickness from Thy house, be Thou to them a little sanctuary, and give them happy thoughts of Christ and of the rest

which He is gone to prepare for His people.

Bless, O Lord, abundantly all Thy ministers. Let great grace be upon them. Let the good seed of the kingdom be widely and faithfully sown to-day, and find many a heart prepared to receive it. Awaken, O Lord, many careless ones, and comfort and strengthen all who know and love Thee. O Good Shepherd, we pray for a blessing upon the lambs of Thy flock this day. Give grace to all teachers in Sunday Schools tenderly and patiently to teach those under their care; and may those who are taught be led early to seek, and to find, Thee. Hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our supplications, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

MOST gracious God, we come, before we lie down to rest, to thank Thee for the mercies of this Sabbath. In peace and quietness we have worshipped Thee this day. Once again the glad tidings of the gospel have sounded in our ears, and with tens of thousands of Thy people throughout the world we have lifted up our voices to the God of our salvation. We thank Thee for all that we have heard and learnt this day of Jesus and His love.

O Lord, pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, all that offended Thee in our public worship or our private meditations. How cold are our hearts towards Thee! How dark and dull are our understand-

ings! How weak is our faith! When we would do good evil is present with us. Forgive, O most merciful Father, the sins which we have committed in Thy house, and beneath Thine eye. Forgive our heartless prayers and our formal praises.

Grant us, O Lord, Thy quickening, sanctifying grace. May Thy Holy Spirit fix in our minds and memories whatever we have learnt this day that was true and holy. May our profiting appear unto all men. May Christ, and His great salvation, be increasingly precious to us. Help us to look by faith beyond and above those things which are seen, and which are temporal, to that eternal inheritance which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

Deal mercifully, O God, with all hearts in which Thou hast this day awakened concern as to the salvation of their souls. Comfort the sorrowful. Cheer the downcast. Guide the wandering. Strengthen

the weak. And if amongst us there is one who this day has offered no real prayer, and felt no hope, or love, or holy fear, in great mercy arouse the slumberer, and bring that stubborn heart to true repentance.

Bless all our dear friends. Let holy peace fill their minds and ours. May we now lie down, calm and thankful, and take our rest; and do Thou, Lord, make us to dwell in safety, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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Monday Morning.

O LORD our God, Thy mercies are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. We come into Thy presence with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, rejoicing in Thy goodness, and giving thanks to Thee for all Thy loving-kindness.

We have entered upon the labours of another week. O Lord, let not our earthly cares and employments draw us away from Thee, and make us forgetful of Thee. Thou hast appointed unto us the bounds of our habitation, may we be contented with the position in which Thy good Providence has placed us. May we serve Thee with cheerful and thankful hearts. Whatsoever our hand findeth to do for Thee, or for our fellow-creatures, may we do it heartily as unto the Lord.

Keep us ever mindful of the great price paid for our redemption. Help us to live as those whom Christ has purchased and made free. Suffer us not this day to offend with our tongues. Give us more of that blessed charity which hideth a multitude of sins. Make us more like Him whose disciples we profess to be.

Let Thy blessing rest upon every member of this family. Knit us together in brotherly love. May we all seek each other's good. May we all, in our appointed stations, faithfully fulfil the duties allotted to us.

Look with Thy favour upon our country. We are blest above other lands; may Thy word sound forth from our shores, and our light shine in all the world, to the glory of Thy great name. Prosper all efforts for the spread of Thy truth in heathen lands, and fill our hearts with love and pity towards those who are in darkness and error.

Make us all anxious for the spiritual

welfare of those around us. As we have opportunity, may we endeavour to do them good; not being weary in well-doing, but relying upon Thy promise that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Help us to speak words in season to any who are in danger and trouble. And give to us, we humbly pray Thee, in our times of need, faithful and wise friends, who may warn or comfort us.

Hear, O Lord, our supplications for ourselves and others, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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Monday Evening.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we, who are dust and ashes in Thy sight, have taken upon ourselves to speak to Thee. We come to Thee in Thine own appointed way, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Hear us, O Lord, and help and bless us, for His sake.

For the mercies of another day we humbly and heartily thank Thee. Thy goodness has provided for our wants; and Thy gracious Providence has protected us. We have had Thy holy word to teach, and guide, and comfort us; and we have been permitted in every moment of need to come to Thee for help in prayer.

For all that we have received, O Lord, we praise Thee. For all that we yet need, help us more entirely to trust *Thee*. Lord, increase our faith; help

our unbelief. Enable us more simply to believe Thy promises, and to rely upon Thy love.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to pardon all that this day we have done amiss. In many things we have offended Thee. We have failed to do the good which we meant to do, when we arose this morning from our beds. We have fallen into many of those sins which we hoped to escape. God be merciful to us, and give us power to resist evil. Let not our transgressions separate us from Thee. Hide Thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities; and upon us, Thine unworthy children, lift up Thy reconciled countenance, and comfort us with Thy pardoning love.

Lord, our hearts are often disquieted and burdened with earthly cares. O help us, according to Thine own command, to cast our care upon Thee.

Help us to redeem the time, ever remembering that the night of death is

fast approaching, when we can work no more. Pardon all our mis-spent hours and lost opportunities; and let what remains of our lives be more heartily consecrated to Thy service.

Grant us this night quiet rest and sleep; or, if we lie wakeful upon our beds, may we commune with our hearts of high and holy things; and do Thou, O God, give us Thy peace. Take this family now and ever beneath Thy sheltering wings, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord make His face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

O LORD, most High, most Holy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour we humbly approach Thee. It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed, and because Thy compassions fail not. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we magnify Thy name, for the goodness and mercy which have followed us all our lives, and for the blessings which surround us at the opening of another day.

Give us, O our God, hearts to fear Thee at all times, and to walk in Thy way. Thou knowest our griefs, our weaknesses, and our besetting sins; grant us the help and comfort that we need. Grant to each of us grace and heavenly wisdom.

Pity, O most merciful Father, our

ignorance, and teach us more perfectly the way of Thy commandments. Pity our helplessness, and make us strong in Thee, and in the power of Thy might. Our enemies are many, make us to know and feel that Thou art on our side to help us. Do Thou root out of us all unbelief, all pride, and all corrupt affections. Make us humble, pure, and holy.

When we read Thy word, Lord, be Thou our Teacher. When we kneel before Thee in prayer, Lord, help us to pray aright, and graciously accept our petitions. When we meet with temptation, Lord, strengthen us to resist and overcome it. Thou hast given to us all our work to do; make us contented and thankful, and ready to serve Thee in the way which Thou hast appointed.

O most merciful Redeemer, whose blood was shed for us, let that blood purge our consciences, and fit us for Thy blessed service. Let Thy great love to us draw forth our thankful love to Thee.

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us, and make us wholly Thine.

Through this day be Thou, O Lord, our Keeper and Defender. Make us a holy, happy, and united family, walking in love, and striving with one mind and one mouth to glorify Thee. Pour out Thy best blessings upon all who are near and dear to us; gather them all into the number of Thy true and faithful servants, and bring them with us at length to Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Creator and Preserver, let the lifting up of our hands and hearts be an acceptable evening sacrifice to Thee.

Kept by Thy care through another day, we come to praise Thee for Thy loving-kindness. O Lord our God, we feel and confess that the very least of all Thy mercies is far beyond our deservings; yet dost Thou day by day load us with benefits. We thank Thee for the blessings of this life, and the bright hopes of the life to come. May we show forth our thankfulness by giving ourselves willingly to Thy service.

Shine, O Lord, we pray Thee, upon our

hearts with Thy quickening, sanctifying grace. Lift up our affections to heavenly things. Let not the cares of this world deaden our faith, destroy our hope, and make us forgetful of Thy promises and Thy love. Lord, we are sorely hindered in running our heavenly race by the sin that dwelleth in us, and the temptations that surround us. But do Thou uphold and quicken us. Subdue our iniquities, and make clean our hearts within us. Refresh us this night with a sense of Thy pardoning love. There is forgiveness with Thee; may we rejoice to believe this, and fear to offend Thee.

Make Thy word profitable to us. Give us a teachable spirit, and write Thy holy lessons upon our hearts. O may the Spirit of truth guide us into all truth, and show us more and more of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Grant us, O Lord, according to the riches of Thy glory, to be strengthened

with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. May Christ dwell more and more in our hearts by faith; and being rooted and grounded in love, may we know more of that love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

Gracious God, defend us this night from all evil and danger. Let our rest be sweet beneath Thy care, and beneath Thine eye; and when we awake may we be still with Thee. Hear us, Heavenly Father, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this family which Thy kind Providence has preserved through the night season. We thank Thee, that whilst death has entered many a house during the hours of darkness, we are still spared. Grant, O Lord, that we may not receive Thy grace in vain, nor be formal and faithless in prayer.

Another day is given us. Give us with it, we humbly pray Thee, grace to enable us to spend it according to Thy will. What we have to do may we do faithfully as in Thy sight. Each in our several stations may we endeavour to act as the true servants of Christ.

With shame and sorrow, O Lord, we

are compelled to confess our shortcomings and sins. Too often we forget Thee. Our hearts are cold and worldly. Our affections are slow to rise to Thee. Our wills are stubborn. Our faith is very weak. When we awoke this morning, how few thoughts of love and thankfulness arose to Thee, our gracious Preserver! O pardon the coldness of our hearts towards Thee; and help us to devote our lives more entirely to Thy service.

May Thy Holy Spirit, O God, in all things direct and rule our hearts. We plead Thy promise given unto us by Thy dear Son, that Thou wilt give that blessed Spirit to them that ask Thee. Lord, we humbly ask for that precious gift. We pray that in the reading of Thy holy word, in prayer, in every act of Christian duty, we may be taught, and guided, and strengthened by the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Bless this family. Unite us all in

brotherly love. Let no root of bitterness springing up among us trouble us. Let no hard words be spoken, or evil tempers shown, by us. May we learn to bear one another's burdens, and provoke one another to nothing but love and good works.

We pray for our Queen, that her throne may be established in righteousness. We pray for our Church, that she may be like a city that is at unity in itself. Let her ministers be zealous and faithful, and her members obedient to the truth.

Take us all this day, O Lord, under Thy gracious care. Bless and keep us in our going out and our coming in, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against

us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies to us. Through this day we have again experienced Thy loving-kindness. Before we lie down to rest we would lift up our hearts in praise to Thee.

Whilst Thou, O Lord, art so good to us, we are constrained to acknowledge that we are too often forgetful of Thee. For the sins of the past day we humbly implore forgiveness. May the recollection of our faults and short-comings keep us humble, and make us watchful unto prayer.

O God, may we be followers of Thee as dear children. May we walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and given

Himself for us. Make us pure within. May Thy Holy Spirit work so mightily upon our hearts, that under His holy influence we may bring forth fruits of righteousness to Thy praise and glory.

Teach us to love Thy holy word. May we read it reverently and with teachable hearts. May we by Thy holy Scriptures be made wise unto salvation. Speak to us, O Lord, through Thine own word, and give us grace humbly to hear and willingly to obey.

Lord, increase our faith. Help us to rest all our hope on Christ alone. Deliver us from all self-righteousness and pride, and make us to know and feel that in the Lord alone have we righteousness and strength.

Let Thy blessing rest upon this family. [May the dear children grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. May the servants faithfully serve the Lord Christ.] May we all by Thy grace endeavour to walk with one

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power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us, now and evermore. *Amen.*

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heart and mind in Thy ways. Pour Thine abundant blessing upon all our absent relatives and friends. Make them and us to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting. Guide us, O God, continually. Suffer us not to wander from Thee. May we walk humbly and watchfully in Thy ways. Through the hours of darkness be Thou, O Lord, our shield and defender, and may the morning, when it awakes us, find us ready to show forth Thy praise. We ask these mercies in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from *evil:* for Thine is the kingdom, the

power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us, now and evermore. *Amen.*

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Thursday Morning.

O MOST gracious and merciful Father, who dwellest in the highest heavens, and yet lookest with mercy on us, Thy sinful children; accept, we pray Thee, for Christ's sake, our morning sacrifice of praise.

Thou art great; we worship Thee and give Thee glory. Thou art good; O Lord, may we trust and love Thee. The light of another day shines upon us, and we have fresh duties to fulfil, fresh dangers to encounter, fresh trials to bear. We come to Thee, asking for the grace, and strength, and wisdom, which we so greatly need. In all that we have to do make us diligent and faithful. When temptation comes upon us, make us strong in Thee

and in the power of Thy might. In trials and difficulties make us patient and hopeful.

O Thou God of truth, make us true and upright in all our words and actions. May all deceitfulness and guile be put far away from us. May we speak the truth in love. May lying lips be an abomination to us, as they are to Thee. O Thou heart-searching God, cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Let no iniquity have dominion over us. From all covetousness, discontent, and unthankfulness, good Lord deliver us!

Let the remembrance of Thy love to us, in Christ Jesus, be ever present with us. Thy vows, O Lord, are upon us. Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, and baptized into His holy name, may we feel that we are not our own. May we live not for ourselves, but for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Bless this parish. May true religion

flourish amongst us. May the old leaven of malice and wickedness be more and more purged out. Help us all to do some good here. Make us useful. May we help and not hinder in any way Thy work and Thy cause in this place. Bless him [or *those*] who ministers amongst us in holy things. Enable him to abound in the work of the Lord, and do Thou crown his labours with success. Lord, hear, accept, and bless us, for the sake of our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O THOU that dwellest in the heavens, unto Thee do we lift up our hearts. Though Thou art so highly exalted, yet Thou art not a God afar off, for Thou art nigh to all that call upon Thee in truth. O may our evening prayer rise to Thee from sincere and earnest hearts.

For the blessings of another day we praise Thee, O our God. Thou art kind even to the unthankful and evil. Thou dost never forget us, though we are too often forgetful of Thee. Make us to feel more deeply our unworthiness. Make us more heartily thankful for all Thy loving-kindness. O Lord, open Thou our lips, touch Thou our hearts, and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

We humbly confess to Thee, O Lord, the sins and short-comings of another day. We have not served Thee as we ought, or even as we ourselves hoped to do. We have come far short of our own intentions, as well as of Thy requirements. We have often spoken unadvisedly with our lips. We have sought our own ease and advantage, more than Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. We have not used our talents as we ought to have done. And in our inmost hearts, Thou, O Lord, hast seen much of corruption, worldliness, and unbelief. O God, be merciful to us, and forgive us all our sins. Receive and comfort us who are wearied with the burden of our transgressions. Speak peace to our consciences. Assure us that our sins are blotted out for Christ's sake.

And do Thou, O Lord, subdue sin within us. Let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose the chains of every

entangling sin. May we enjoy the true liberty with which Christ makes His people free. Being delivered from the bondage of sin, may we have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Through this night give, O Lord, Thine angels charge concerning us, to watch about our bed. Keep far from us the tempter with his evil suggestions. Calm our minds. Let every anxious and disquieting thought be put away; and may our hearts rise in hope, and love, and thankfulness to Thee. Take under Thy gracious care all who are dear to us. Be near them and with them, especially in times of trouble and temptation, and in the hour of death. And of Thy great mercy lead them and us safely through all the changes and chances of this mortal life, to that rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy people, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

LORD, hear our prayer, and let our cry come with acceptance unto Thee. We do not presume to offer up unto Thee our supplications, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies shown to us in Christ our Saviour. Hear and answer us, O our God, for His name's sake.

Thou hast once again refreshed us with rest and sleep. Again Thy love has renewed our lives and our strength. We come to Thee, praying for the help of Thy grace to enable us to spend our lives according to Thy holy will. Keep us this day without sin. May we be in Thy fear all the day long.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto

wisdom. Let none of us put off the work of seeking Thee until it be too late to find Thee. Make us all truly anxious about the salvation of our souls. And since we are called by Thy name, and are bound by solemn vows and promises to serve Thee, suffer us not to bring a reproach upon our Christian profession by a life of worldliness and sin.

Give to us, we humbly pray Thee, more of the mind that was in Christ. Make us gentle and forbearing, patient and pitiful. Let us not seek our own profit only, but also the welfare of others. O Lord our God, keep and deliver us from selfishness, from pride and vain-glory, from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Let Thy holy word be our guide and counsellor. Let Thy faithful servants be our chosen companions; and heaven, where Thou art, our longed-for home. And grant that even now our conversation may be in heaven, and our hearts and treasures there.

O Lord, make us heavenly-minded. Help us to seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand.

We pray, O Lord, for our country, that it may be blest more and more with the light of Thy gospel, and may be made a blessing to other lands. Prosper the labours of all faithful Missionaries, and of all Societies who send them forth. Let the heathen be given unto Thy dear Son for His inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for His possession. And fill our hearts with pity towards all who are as yet in darkness. Bring many, O God, into Thy marvellous light, and let all whom Thou hast enlightened walk as children of light, to the glory of Thy holy name. These mercies we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

O LORD, the day is Thine and the night is Thine. Thou hast given us this day the light and the sun; and now Thou makest darkness and it is night. O God, unto whom the darkness and the light are both alike, take us, Thy poor, weak, helpless creatures, under Thy care to-night.

Through another day goodness and mercy have followed us. We offer up to Thee, O Lord, our humble praise for health and strength, peace and quietness, for family comforts, and family love. We thank Thee for work to do, and power to do it. We thank Thee for the light of Thy gospel, and for all the means of grace provided for us. And as we are *dying* creatures, we bless and praise

Thee for that great work of redemption which takes from death its sting and bitterness. O Lord, may all Thy goodness to us bind our hearts in thankfulness to Thee.

We pray Thee, O God of peace, to beat down Satan under our feet. Help us to resist him, stedfast in the faith. Make a way for us to escape out of his temptations. Keep our hearts from being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Suffer us not to grieve Thy Holy Spirit by giving way to sinful thoughts. May no corrupt communication at any time proceed from our mouths. Make us kind and tender-hearted one to another. If any have wronged us this day, help us to forgive. If we have wronged any, teach us to repent, and to show henceforth more meekness and charity. O make us more like our blessed Lord and Master. Give us more of the mind that was in Him.

Pardon, O Lord, all that we have this

day done that was displeasing to Thee. Thou knowest our sins; O take them all away. Blot them all out. Remember them not against us, for Thy Name's sake. And grant, we pray Thee, that being more and more set free from sin we may serve Thee in holiness of life.

[Bless, O Heavenly Father, the children of this family. Keep them in Thy great mercy from the paths of the destroyer. May they grow up as plants, to our comfort, Thy glory, and the good of Thy Church.]

And now, O Lord, let no evil come near our dwelling this night. Keep us safely whilst we sleep. And when we lie down to wake no more in this world, may we be cheered with the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [*or, day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

O GOD, our Father, we come before Thee humbly kneeling at Thy footstool, utterly unworthy to speak to Thee, and trusting for acceptance only to the intercession of our Saviour Christ. Lift up, O Lord, this day, the light of Thy countenance upon us, and bless us.

To Thee, O God, all hearts are open, and Thou knowest all that disturbs or burdens each one of us this morning. Our secret sins and secret fears are all known to Thee. Suit Thy grace to our need. Heal each wounded spirit. Comfort each sorrowful heart. Help us all in faith to cast our care upon Thee. Awaken those amongst us, if there be such, who are careless and indifferent about their souls. Let Thy voice of love

reach and move each thoughtless heart. And do Thou lead all those who are seeking Thee into clearer light, and happier knowledge of Thy love.

Bless, O Lord, we pray Thee, the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock. Assist this day the prayers and meditations of all Thy servants who are preparing for their great work of preaching on the morrow the gospel of Thy grace. Put thoughts into their minds and words into their mouths, and make them faithful and useful messengers for Thee. Raise up and send forth more labourers into Thy harvest. And to Thy missionary servants in foreign lands grant, O God, Thy special aid, that they may not be cast down by difficulties or led aside by temptation, but may truly and effectually preach Christ to the heathen.

Let not, O Lord our God, earthly cares and employments so take up our minds as to unfit us for the profitable use of Thy holy Sabbath-day. May we

long to see Thy glory and beauty in Thy sanctuary. May we turn thankfully from the things of this world to the contemplation of eternal realities. And do Thou, O Lord, by Thy Spirit help our infirmities, and make us earnest and devout in prayer and praise.

Bless, O God, every member of this family, young and old. Each in our different stations may we serve and honour Thee. And in all our dealings with one another may we speak the truth in love, and show kindness and gentleness in all our actions. Lord, hear our prayers; supply all our need; and graciously accept our praises for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, we draw near to Thee at the close of another week, thanking Thee for all Thy great goodness to us, and humbly confessing to Thee our unprofitableness and sin.

Our days and weeks, O Lord, are very quickly passing away. O let us not live in vain. Made by Thy hand, and preserved by Thy Providence, O give us grace to use our time and talents aright. Help us to do something day by day for Thy glory and the good of our fellow-creatures. Deliver us, O Lord, from selfishness. Enable us to follow more closely the example of Him who pleased not Himself, and came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

We humbly implore Thy forgiveness, O Lord, for all that we have done amiss during the week now closing. We own with shame and sorrow our short-comings. When at any time we have been stirred up to fresh diligence in working out our salvation, and our cold hearts were warmed with some small measure of love to Thee, how soon have such impressions passed away!

Our goodness, O Lord, is indeed too like the morning cloud and early dew. O do Thou quicken us. Revive Thy work in us. Heal our backslidings. Refresh and comfort us with Thy pardoning mercy. And give us, by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit, a clearer, fuller view of the love of Christ, that, loving Him with thankful hearts, it may be our delight to confess and serve Him.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for Thy day of holy rest. May calm and peaceful sleep fit us for its services. With joy and thankfulness may we leave for awhile

our earthly labours. And do Thou pour upon us a spirit of grace and supplication. May our souls be athirst for Thee, the living God. May we welcome Thy messages of love. May we enjoy, in public worship and in our private meditations, fellowship with Thee, and with all Thy believing people.

[Especially do Thou, O Lord Jesus, who hast bidden us to commemorate Thy love at Thy holy table, make Thyself known to us in the breaking of bread. Deepen in us true penitence; increase our faith; enlarge our desires; quicken and kindle afresh our love. Knit us and all who kneel with us at Thy table in one bond of holy unity.]

O God, we commit ourselves and all whom we love to Thy holy keeping. Thine eye is ever fixed upon us and them. For them and for ourselves we implore Thy fatherly care. We rejoice to know that, however, far they are from us, they are near to Thee. Pour out

upon them and upon us a spirit of grace and supplication, so that we may with one mind approach Thy mercy-seat. And do Thou, O Lord our God, hear us, according to the multitude of Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

FOURTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy people; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon the Ministers of Thy word Thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness; and that Thy word spoken by their mouths this day may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain.

Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life; that following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When the Holy Communion is to be administered the following Prayer may be used.

WE do not presume to come to Thy Table, O merciful Lord, this day, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up

the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the King of Glory, who hast exalted Thine Only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither

our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good gifts, who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in Thy Church; give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them

with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy Great Name, and the benefit of Thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to Thy

will, may be effectually obtained, to the relief of our necessities, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

Let us pray.

O Lord, save Thy servants,
That put their trust in Thee.
Send unto them help from above,
And evermore mightily defend them.
Help us, O God our Saviour,
And for the glory of Thy name deliver us.
Be merciful to us sinners, for Thy name's sake,
And grant us Thy salvation.
O Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we

may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us this day, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace: the Lord be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth and for evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God

(To be repeated by all.)

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is *past;* and grant that we may ever here-

after serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great

mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

'Let us lift up our hearts, with our hands, unto God in the heavens.'

Let us pray.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done and there is no health in us. But Thou,

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.
And grant us Thy salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.

And make Thy chosen people joyful.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by Thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace; the Lord be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth and for evermore. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life;

that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL LORD, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God;

(*To be repeated by all.*)

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. *Amen.*

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we humbly commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Wednesday Morning.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

O GOD the Father, of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from

envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; by Thy holy nativity and circumcision; by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sin, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us, that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation;

that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us, and upon all dear to us, now and ever. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

Let us pray.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Henceforth world without end.
Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be

converted and live, have mercy upon the heathen and all who are in error. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we humbly commit ourselves. The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

'We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.'

'Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.'

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive

and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sin. Spare us, therefore, good Lord; spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners: but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us;

As we do put our trust in Thee.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

Let us pray.

(*To be repeated by all.*)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most mer-

ciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas

through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY LORD and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy

laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

Let us pray.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as

we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us an heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succour,

help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us; the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

Friday Evening.

(*All standing.*)

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name, through *Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY LORD, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Thee, to whom all things in heaven and earth do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence, and make us to know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given unto man in whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, but only in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under

one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may *effectually* be obtained, to the relief of

our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good *things;* graft in our hearts the love of

Thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY LORD, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Thee, to whom all things in heaven and earth do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence, and make us to know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given unto men, in whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee,

the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed Thy flock; give grace, we beseech Thee, to all bishops and pastors of Thy Church, that they may diligently preach Thy Word, and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all

may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Saturday Evening.

Let us pray.

O Lord, open Thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy

second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels, send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready

help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day [or, *day by day*] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS,

To be introduced into the ordinary Prayers for the day.

For New-Year's Day.

O ETERNAL GOD, we Thine unworthy children come to Thee at the opening of another year, imploring Thy blessing. For all Thy goodness to us, and Thy care over us, through past days and years, we humbly and heartily thank Thee. Most justly mightest Thou have cut us down as cumberers of the ground. Most justly might privileges by which we have too little profited have been altogether taken from us. But we have been mercifully spared. We can still read Thy word, hear Thy gospel preached, and come to Thee in prayer.

Father of mercies, we thank and praise Thee for all Thy patience and all Thy love.

And now, O Lord our God, let us not enter upon another year without Thee for our Guide and Helper. Our time is very short: we spend our years as a tale that is told. Help us, O Lord, to redeem the time; and let each day and each year, as they pass away, carry with them a record of something done for Thy glory and for the good of our fellow-creatures. Lord, suffer us not to live in vain. May we all remember how much depends on the few days we have to spend on earth. May we so pass through things temporal as not finally to lose the blessings that are eternal.

O Thou great Searcher of hearts, Thou knowest us altogether. Let not one of us begin this year and pass through it, as through former years, with a heart unrenewed and with sins unrepented of;—without hope, and without God in the

world. May we all know Christ as our Saviour, our Hope, our Refuge. Lord, satisfy us with Thy mercy. Blot out all our many transgressions. Heal, and cleanse, and comfort our hearts. Be Thou our shield and hiding-place. We know not what a day may bring forth. But Thou, O Lord, seest all that lies before us. Prepare us for all we have to do or to suffer. In affliction make us patient; in prosperity keep us humble. Make all to work for our good; and of Thine infinite mercy bring us through all the changes and chances of this life to Thy heavenly kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For Christmas Day.

O MOST merciful Redeemer, God manifest in the flesh, who for us men and for our salvation camest down *from* heaven, we offer up to Thee this

day our hearty praises; we bless Thy holy name, who didst remember us in our low and lost estate because Thy mercy endureth for ever.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst condescend to become a little child to save us, make us as little children, in meekness, teachableness, and humility. Fill all our hearts with thankful love to Thee. Thy holy Church throughout all the world will this day joyfully praise and acknowledge Thee. O gracious Saviour, may our souls be lifted up in faith, and hope, and love, to Thee. With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, as well as with all the faithful on earth, may we show forth Thy praise. And as Thou didst become the Son of man that we might be sons of God and heirs of heaven, grant us, we pray Thee, the Spirit of adoption; and make us followers of Thee as dear and obedient children. In Thy house, and at Thy holy table, may we offer up to Thee our humble

and hearty thanksgiving, and give ourselves to Thy service, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Good Friday.

O GOD, who of Thine infinite mercy didst give Thine own dear Son to die for us, look down in pity and compassion upon us, weak and sinful creatures, for whom His precious blood was shed. Let that blood cleanse us from all sin. Let that death of Christ our Lord be our life.

O holy Jesus, who didst so meekly and patiently endure the contradiction of sinners against Thyself, and for our sakes didst submit to be scourged, and spitted on, and nailed to the shameful cross, may our hearts be melted in godly penitence whilst we think of all Thy sufferings and all Thy love. May the

sin which pierced Thee seem more utterly hateful to us. May we be deeply ashamed of our pride and selfishness, and our unwillingness to labour or suffer for Thee. Thou, who wast lifted up on the cross for us, fulfil Thy gracious word, and draw *us*,—draw *thousands* this day,—unto Thyself. Through Thy cross may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. May we, by the help of Thy Spirit, follow the example of Thy patience. May Thy cross be our hope in life—our refuge in death—and the subject of all our praises in eternity. Unto Thee, who hast loved us and washed us from our sins in Thine own blood, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we humbly ascribe all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen*.

For Easter Day.

O THOU great Captain of our salvation, who, as on this day, didst overcome death, and him that had the power of death, we bow ourselves before Thee, adoring Thy power, and praising Thee for Thy finished work of redemption. All Thy saints bless Thee, O Lord Christ, this day. Upon them that sat in darkness light is sprung up. Shine, O shine, great Sun of righteousness, into all our hearts, that we may not be dark, and dull, and cold, and earthly, on this most joyful day; but may rejoice in Thy salvation, and give thanks with Thine inheritance.

O Saviour, raise us all from the death of sin unto a life of righteousness. Let no soul amongst us remain dead in sin. Let not one of us go on living a life of selfish ungodliness. Quicken us all, and *make us* alive to Thee.

Be with us, O Lord Jesus, when we hear of Thee, and sing Thy praise, in Thy holy Temple. Especially do Thou make Thyself known to us in the breaking of bread. May our hearts be warmed and our faith strengthened as we kneel at Thy holy table. May we receive fresh supplies of grace to fit us for daily duties and trials. And when our time here on earth is finished, and we come to die, may we find death without a sting, and lie down in blessed hope of a joyful resurrection; through Thy merits and mediation, who hast died and risen again, and now reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Ascension Day.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast raised from the dead Thy only-begotten Son, and hast exalted Him with power and great glory to Thy right

hand; grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may all be living members of that body of which Christ is the Head, and that our hearts and treasures may be with Him in heaven.

O Lord Jesus, fulfil to us Thy servants Thine own promise, that, when Thy bodily presence was taken from us, Thou wouldst send down to us Thy Holy Spirit to guide, and teach, and comfort us. May He, according to Thy word, take of Thine and show it unto us; leading us into all truth, and bringing to our remembrance what we have learnt and known of Thee.

O Saviour, where Thou art, there may we too, in due time, come. And whilst we remain here, may we live as those whose home is in heaven. May our hope and desires be continually drawn upwards, until we see Thee as Thou art, and are changed into Thy glorious likeness. These things we humbly beg for *Thy* great name's sake. Amen.

For Whitsunday.

O FATHER of lights, who, in fulfilment of Thy dear Son's promise, didst send down this day upon Thy waiting people Thy Holy Spirit; behold us with Thy favour, whilst we humbly pray that that promise may be fulfilled *in* and *for* all of us.

O Holy Ghost, Lord and Giver of life, Thou art not straitened; Thy power and Thy love are great as ever. Do Thou then, O Lord, quicken us; strengthen us; teach and comfort us. Assist us in our prayers; enlighten our understandings; sanctify our affections. Reveal to us more of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

O merciful Father, whilst Thy Church were praying for Thy promised gift Thou didst bestow it. This day, whilst we pray, and especially when we draw near to Thy Holy Table, let Thy Holy Spirit

be poured out upon us in rich abundance; and may the fruits of His blessed influence be seen and felt in warmer love, brighter hope, and increased holiness of life. Hear us, O Lord our God, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

For a Sick Member of the Family.

O MOST merciful Saviour, who in the days of Thy flesh didst in great compassion bear our sicknesses, and didst give health and a cure to the weak and suffering, graciously behold *him* (or *her*) who lies in this house grievously afflicted with sickness. Be pleased, if it seem good to Thee, to ease *his* pain, to renew *his* strength, and to restore *him* again to health; that *he* may once more praise Thee for Thy mercy. Keep *his* mind in peace. Preserve *him* from all impatient murmuring thoughts. Sanctify to *his*

good this Thy fatherly chastisement. Say unto *him*, as Thou didst say in days of old, 'Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee.'

O God, Thou dost not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. Like as a father pitieth his children, so dost Thou pity us. We pray Thee, then, to help and pity Thy servant who is sick. Make Thou all *his* (or *her*) bed in *his* sickness. Comfort *his* heart with happy thoughts of the love of Christ, and with bright hopes of good things to come. And when patience has had its perfect work, give *him* a happy issue out of *his* afflictions; if not here, in that blessed kingdom where there shall be no more sickness or sin. We ask this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For a Baptism in the Family.

O MOST merciful Saviour, who in the days of Thy flesh didst bid little children to be brought to Thee, and didst tenderly take them in Thine arms, and lay Thy hands upon them, and bless them, receive with Thy favour that little one whom we shall to-day bring to Thee. Strengthen, O Lord, our faith, that we may not doubt but earnestly believe in Thy willingness to give all good things to *him;* to take *him* into Thy family, and to bring *him* to Thy kingdom. If *he* be spared to us, give us grace to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And do Thou, from this day forward, work by Thy Holy Spirit so mightily and effectually upon *his* heart, that *he* may refuse the evil and choose the good; and, walking before Thee in newness and holiness of life, come to the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; through *Jesus* Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Death in the Family.

O THOU whose hands have made and fashioned us, and unto whom our spirits must one day return, in deep distress we would humble ourselves before Thee. Thou didst give, and Thou hast taken away; O help us from our hearts to say, 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.' May Thy voice reach all our hearts. May the lesson to be learnt from this sore visitation not be lost upon us. O awaken any amongst us that are careless; confirm any who are wavering. Teach us all so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

We bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and we beseech Thee to give us grace so to follow their good example, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. And whilst we remain here, comfort us, O God

of all consolation, in all our trouble; support us when burdened; cheer us when downcast; and let Thy peace keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

For One going a Journey.

WE humbly pray Thee, O gracious God, to take under Thy care that member of our family who is about to go from us to-day. Give Thine angels charge concerning *him* to keep *him* in all *his* ways. Preserve *him* by Thy good Providence from danger and death. Bring *him* safely to *his* journey's end. And of Thy great mercy give to *him* and to all of us grace to serve Thee faithfully, and to walk in Thy ways; so that wherever we may be, and whatever may befall us, we may be safe under Thy protection, and be guided by Thy good Spirit; *through* Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Before receiving the Holy Communion.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we are called this day to Thy Holy Table. We would draw nigh at Thy bidding with thankful hearts. But Thou knowest, O Lord, our hindrances and difficulties in coming to Thee. When we would do good evil is present with us. When we desire to contemplate the love of Christ in dying for us, earthly thoughts and cares come in like a flood, and damp our faith and hope. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name. Lord, increase our faith. Hide from us for a season the things of earth, and open heaven to our view. Give us a deep and humbling sense of our utter unworthiness. Give us true repentance. May we look by faith upon Him whom we have pierced by our sins, and mourn with godly sorrow. May we see in Christ our Saviour all fulness of love

and mercy. May we feed by faith on Him with thanksgiving.

And do Thou bless all those who, kneeling with us at one table, shall partake of one bread. Knit us all together in brotherly love. May we enjoy the communion of saints here, and at last be joined to the spirits of the just made perfect, and the general assembly and church of the firstborn, in Thy presence and kingdom above; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

After receiving the Holy Communion.

MOST merciful Father, we have this day commemorated at Thy Holy Table the dying love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ. For this great and precious privilege we humbly *and heartily* thank Thee. May our souls

be greatly strengthened and refreshed by the holy ordinance in which we have joined.

Lord, we have solemnly offered ourselves as a living sacrifice unto Thee. O let us not sinfully take back, and keep for ourselves, what we have professed to give to Thee. Make us wholly Thine. Keep ever fresh in our minds the recollection of our Saviour's love; that a sense of that love may constrain us to live for Him who died for us. Lord, our hearts are sadly cold, our faith is sadly weak. Even within sight of the cross of Christ we doubt, and fear, and sin. O pity us; help us; pardon us; quicken us; and, with consciences purged from guilt, enable us to run our heavenly race, until we receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, in Thine everlasting kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For the Last Day of the Year.

O LORD, hear our prayer, and give ear unto our cry; for we are strangers and sojourners here, and our days are as an handbreadth. Thou hast brought us to the close of another year; and for all Thy goodness and mercy to us through the year we thank and bless Thy holy name. Day by day hast Thou spared us, and hast crowned us with mercy and loving-kindness. Thou hast borne most patiently with us, notwithstanding all our unprofitableness and sin.

O Lord, with shame and sorrow we look back upon the past. Pardon of Thine infinite mercy all our transgressions. And now that we are solemnly reminded how short our time is, and how frail we are, help us, we beseech Thee, to give what remains of our days more heartily to Thee. Give us grace to redeem *the time*; to gather up the fragments

that remain of it, that they be not lost.

We know not, O Lord our God, what lies before us. Do Thou, who hast led us hitherto, still guide and protect us. Make the path of duty always plain to us. Prepare us for all that Thou hast prepared for us; and when our days are ended take us to Thy heavenly rest, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the Recovery of a Member of the Family from serious Illness.

O GOD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, we offer up to Thee our humble praise for Thy mercy in sparing that member of our family who has been sick, and raising *him* again to health. Thou hast chastened and corrected *him*, but hast not given *him* over unto death. Thou hast comforted us by *his* restora-

tion, and hast not suffered us to have sorrow upon sorrow. O let not either *him* or *us* forget all Thy benefits. Let not serious impressions made in the hour of distress pass away. Let Thy merciful kindness draw all our hearts to Thee in love and thankfulness. While we live, may we live unto Thee; and when we come to die, may we die unto Thee: so that living or dying we may be evermore Thine, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Christian Missions.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whose dearly-beloved Son, after His resurrection from the dead, did send His Apostles into all the world to preach the Gospel

* This Prayer and the one immediately following are taken from 'A Form of Prayer with Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of Harvest,' *approved by* Convocation.

to every creature; hear us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and look upon the fields now white unto harvest. Bless those labouring for Thee in distant lands, and prosper Thou their handiwork; send forth more labourers into Thy harvest to gather fruit unto life eternal; and grant us grace to labour with them in prayers and offerings, that we, together with them, may rejoice before Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest.

O LORD GOD of Hosts, who dwellest in the high and holy place, and yet hast respect unto the lowly; who makest Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust; who by Thy mighty power dost order all things in heaven

and earth; we yield Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast safely brought us to the season of harvest, visiting the earth and blessing it, and crowning the year with Thy goodness. We praise Thee for the fruits of the ground which Thou hast bestowed upon us, filling our hearts with food and gladness. For these and all Thy mercies we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; beseeching Thee to give unto us the increase of all spiritual gifts, the bright light of the Sun of Righteousness, and the dew of Thy heavenly blessing; and so to plant us here in the house of the Lord, that we may flourish everlastingly in the courts of the house of our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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